In the specification:

Please amend paragraph [0014] as follows:

[0014] These mechanical systems for applying force against or lifting the heart are less efficacious than systems that apply suction against the heart to engage the heart. Suction-assisted tissue-engaging devices, such as the various models of the Medtronic® Octopus 3™ tissue stabilizer and or Starfish™ heart positioner and accessories available from the assignee of the present invention, use suction for stabilizing or positioning, respectively, tissue of an organ. The Medtronic® Octopus 3™ tissue stabilizer is approved for use in applying suction to a surface of the heart to stabilize the heart tissue at the site of engagement while the heart is beating to facilitate a surgical procedure, e.g., to perform an anastomosis in the course of a CABG procedure. The Starfish™ heart positioner is approved for use in applying suction to a surface of the heart, particularly near the apex of the heart, to move and reposition the heart to achieve better access to areas that would otherwise be difficult to access, such as the posterior or backside of the heart. For example, the surgeon can bring an anastomosis site into better view by supporting and rotating the heart using the Starfish™ heart positioner. The surgeon can also use the Octopus 3™ tissue stabilizer in the same procedure to stabilize the anastomosis site. See, for example, commonly assigned U.S. Pat. Nos. 5,836,311, 5,927,284, 6,015,378, 6,464,629, and 6,471,644 and U.S. patent application Ser. No. 09/678,203, filed Oct. 2, 2000, and European Patent Publication No. EP 0 993 806 describing aspects of the Octopus 3™ heart stabilization system and commonly assigned U.S. patent ~~application Publication~~ 6,676,597 ~~US 2002/0095067~~ disclosing aspects of the Starfish™ heart positioner.